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-- COMMITTEE
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1. MISSION OFFICER PASSED ON CONTENTS OF REF A TO DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS CASPARI. CASPARI WAS PLEASED TO RECEIVE CONFIRMATION OF UNDER-SECRETARY COOPER'S PARTICIPATION IN THE MAY MEETING OF THE UN OVERVIEW COMMITTEE. HE SAID THAT THE COMMISSION STILL INTENDS TO HAVE HIM HEAD ITS DELEGATION EXCEPT FOR THE LAST DAY OR TWO WHEN DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR DEVELOPMENT, KLAUS MEYER, WILL PROBABLY BE THE SENIOR COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT.

2. CASPARI ASKED WHETHER THE MISSION HAD RECEIVED ANY
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FURTHER ELABORATION OF THE USG PERCEPTION AS TO WHAT THE FIRST SESSION OF THE OVERVIEW COMMITTEE CAN ACCOMPLISH AND THE US POSITION AS TO THE BEST MEANS TO ASSURE THAT THESE OBJECTIVES ARE ATTAINED. IN A SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION, CASPARI'S DEPUTY FOR NORTH-SOUTH MATTERS, ODILE QUINTIN, SAID THAT CASPARI SENSES THAT SOME OFFICIALS IN THE COMMISSION AND AMONG THE MEMBER STATES ARE STILL NOT CLEAR

REGARDING WHAT THE US EXPECTS THE OVERVIEW COMMITTEE CAN ACCOMPLISH. SHE NOTED THAT UNDER-SECRETARY COOPER'S PRESENTATION AT THE APRIL 14 OECD XCSS, AS REPORTED BACK BY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DENMAN, HAD BEEN HELPFUL (REF C), BUT THAT THERE WAS STILL SOME UNCERTAINTY AS TO THE EXTENT AND EXACTLY HOW THE US ENVISAGED REDIRECTING DISCUSSIONS OF NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES IN THE OVERVIEW COMMITTEE TOWARD PROBLEMS OF MANAGING THE WORLD ECONOMY. QUINTIN NOTED THAT THE EC COUNCIL'S NORTH-SOUTH GROUP OF SENIOR OFFICIALS WILL BE MEETING IN BRUSSELS ON APRIL 26 IN ORDER TO DISCUSS THE COMMUNITY'S COMMON POSITION FOR THE MAY MEETING. SHE FELT THAT IF THE COMMISSION IN PREPARING FOR THIS MEETING HAD A BETTER GRASP OF THE US POSITION, IT WOULD HELP ASSURE CLOSER HARMONY BETWEEN THE US AND THE EC ON THE OVERVIEW COMMITTEE.

3. ACTION REQUIRED: IF AVAILABLE, A DETAILED AND RECENT POSITION PAPER ON THE US ATTITUDE TOWARD THE OVERVIEW COMMITTEE WHICH COULD BE PASSED ON TO THE EC COMMISSION WOULD BE APPRECIATED. HINTON

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